

H-R June 23, 1980
Sterk service in Jefferson

Harlan Dean Sterk, formerly a resident of Barnes City and Montezuma, died Monday, June 16, in Mary Greeley Hospital in Ames.

Funeral services for Harlan Sterk were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 19, at the United Presbyterian Church in Jefferson, with the Rev. Robert F. Hart, pastor of the church, officiating.

Pallbearers were Mike Mumma, Dale Clark, Lyle Blair, Dean McAtee, Dean Hicks, and Richard Timmerman. Honorary pallbearers were Dallas Sterk, Wayne Sterk, Kenneth Sterk, LeRoy E. Sterk, Leo E. Sterk and Glenn Sterk.

Interment was in the Montezuma Cemetery in Montezuma.

Born Sept. 5, 1935, in Mahaska County near Wright, he was the son of Cornie and Minnie VanVeldhuizen Sterk. He was one of ten children, with six brothers and three sisters.

He attended grade school in Barnes City and Montezuma. In 1952 he graduated from Montezuma High School. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1956.

He taught vocational agriculture for nine years in the Lynnville-Sully School District. In June of 1960 he married Charlotte Northcut. They were the parents of a daughter, Shelly, and a son, Vincent.

On June 18, 1965, he took a post as manager of the Jefferson State Bank at the Dana

branch office. He had served the bank in all areas of lending and was named senior vice-president in 1972.

He was a graduate of the National Commercial Lending School in Norman, Okla.; the graduate school of banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison; the National School of Bank Investments in Champaign, Ill.; and most recently the American Banker's Association School in Houston, Tex., as a chief executive officer.

He was past president of the Greene County Bankers Association, the Greene County Development Commission, and the Jefferson Rotary Club.

He married Ila Watts Vannoy at the Presbyterian Church in Jefferson on June 6, 1976. On Dec. 11, 1979, he was named president of the Jefferson State Bank, and in May of 1980, he was elected to the board of directors of Brenton Banks, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Ila, of Jefferson; one daughter, Shelly of Ames; a son, Vincent, at home; two step-sons, Scott Vannoy of Oskaloosa and Steve Vannoy at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornie Sterk of Montezuma; six brothers, Dallas Sterk of Grinnell, LeRoy of Montezuma, Wayne of Malcom, Leo of Indianola, Kenneth of Aurora, Colo., and Glenn of Grinnell; and three sisters, Mrs. Joe (Phyllis) Hutchinson of Laurens, Mrs. Bill (Ruby) Welsh Jr. of Forest City, and Mrs. Rick (Connie) Bryan of Oskaloosa.